

St. Michael the Archangel Serbian Orthodox Parish Newsletter

Newsletter November 2013

Christ is Risen!

Saturday Vespers 6:00 PM Sunday Divine Liturgy10 AM

Website:www.easternorthodoxchurch.org

"The spiritual life is such a realm into which the wisdom of this world does not penetrate."

St. Theophan the Recluse

November: Important Church Dates:

Friday – Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt (1908).

† Divine Liturgy at 10:00

Sunday 3rd – St. Hilarion the Great of Palestine (371)

Sunday 10th – Great- martyr Parasceva of Iconium (3rd c.) St. Arsenius 1 archbishop of Serbia (1266)

Sunday 17th – St. Ioannicius the Great of Bithynia (846).

Sunday 24th – St. Michael's Patronal Feast & Slava

Wednesday 27th – Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip. Beginning of Nativity Fast.

Thursday 28th – Thanksgiving Day. Repose of St. Herman of Alaska. **Friday 29th** – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (60).

Reminder! – Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sat night, November 2nd, as we "fall back" one hour from daylight savings time. Also, since we have had many potlucks, our church serving utensils have gone missing. If you have accidently taken home a spoon or serving utensil, please return it as soon as possible. Thank you.

<u>Confessions</u>: may be heard Saturdays after Vespers; also Sunday mornings <u>before Divine Liturgy 9:40 am-10 am</u> or contact Fr. Gregory to arrange a time. Please come early on Sunday mornings so we may start <u>Divine Liturgy</u> on time

Russian School: will meet every Saturday afternoon in our church hall from 11:30PM to 2 PM. Point of Contact is Elena Lee (lenaLee10@aol.com) or Alexandra Pickle (Alexandra.pickle@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome to participate.

Special Thanks: To the St. Sophia Sisterhood and Shellie Kioutas for arranging for the flowers and handling all of the details necessary for the potluck that helped to make Bishop Longins' visit a special and memorable one.

Coffee Hour:

Nov. 3rd – Hansen Dec. 1st – Jokich
Nov. 10th – Hargrave Dec. 8th – Kaiser
Nov. 17th – Hogan/Weber Dec. 15th – Kendall
Nov. 24th –Potluck (Slava) Dec. 22nd – Kioutas
Dec. 29th – Lee

<u>Church Needs:</u> Coffee hour plates, bowls, forks, napkins and bouquets of flowers to decorate the Church on Sundays. If you can donate any of these items, it would be very much appreciated.

Church Cleaning: Will be held on Nov. 9th at 9:00AM. Sandy Ellis will open the church for cleaning. Attendance had been low, and we could really use the additional help. Please come help beautify our church.

<u>Sisterhood Meeting:</u> The Sisterhood (Sophia Circle) meeting will be held at the church hall on Nov. 14, 6:30 PM. Please contact Mat. Ann Schultz or Shellie Kioutas for more information. All ladies of the church are welcome.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

God Grant Them Many Years!

Birthday's

8th – Laura Vukosavljevic

15th - Michael Hansen

24th - Shellie Kioutas

27th - Tim Waskerwitz

27th - Richard Kaiser

29th - Zach Jokich

Anniversary

25th - Dragan & Laura Vukosavljevic

Prayer List:

Please keep in your prayers

<u>Living:</u> Milka Taylor, Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne Karas, Glen, Janet Burn's daughters Rebecca and Kara, and granddaughter Victoria and for Mary Kochoff. Also let's pray for Shelley Kioutas who had a foot injury, Charles Malmede who's had an arm injury and Jim Smith (Catechumen Lisa Crafts' father).

<u>Deceased:</u> Mary, Sam, Frances, Joe, Anne, Stan, Daniel, Anna, Fryni, Nelia, Natalie and Olga Hansen's father, Dragan and Harold Kendall (Ray's dad).

Offerings: Remember to use envelopes so that the treasurer may credit you with your donations.

Church Council – 2013 to 2014

Father Gregory Schultz – parish administrator Hal Pastrick– president Bob Zarzaur – vice president Joe Bergantz – treasurer Michele Platt – secretary

Members at large - Sandy Ellis, Mike Jokich, Rick Kaiser, Charles Malmede, Marshall Standifer

<u>News Items</u> - Please send church news items to the Newsletter editor, Rick Kaiser at <u>rkmk2012@gmail.com</u> Website - Ashley Zarzaur; <u>Choir Director - Sandy Ellis</u>; <u>Librarian - Leslie Hargrave</u>



Recent Visit of Bishop Longin to St. Michael's Church

On Sunday, October 27, we were blessed with a special visit by Bishop Longin to our church. This is the first time he has had the opportunity to see our church and meet everyone and it was a great blessing for our church community. Bishop Longin delivered a homily and an address to everyone at the end of the service. He remarked that while our church is small, it has a real presence that he really appreciated. He instructed us that it is when we think ourselves worthy to partake of Holy Communion that we are not really worthy; but when we consider ourselves to be unworthy, then Christ makes us worthy out of His love for us.

Throughout the services, one was reminded of how during the first century, the Apostles ordained bishops to succeed them so that the church would continue. And it has continued in an unbroken line for nearly 2,000 years. Bishop Longin is a successor to the Apostles and can trace his ordination as a bishop all the way back to them. He is therefore, a living link to the very Apostles themselves! What a great blessing and outpouring of God's Grace we have from and through our Bishop!



